THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) No case of recovery into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account have been referred to the Collector in the recent past.

(d) Details of the amounts assessed against the various companies have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 396 answered on 31-12-1990. If the companies fail to pay the amounts due in the normal course the question of taking extreme step for recovering the amount due as arrears of land revenue by making a reference to the Collector would be considered.

Irregularities in the recommendation of Special Team

399. SHRI M. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for reduction of liabilities of the drug companies by the Special Team;

(b) whether it is a fact that recommendations of the Special Team were processed by the former Development Commissioner (PI);

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of irregularities have come to the notice of his Ministry;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) what steps have been taken to remove those irregularities;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry called for an explanation from the Special team and former Development Commissioner for these irregularities, and

(g) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (e) A special team was constituted to determine the liabilities aaginst the companies involved in the Supreme Court case. A number of complaints alleging irregularities relating to under assessment of liabilities, giving set offs which were not due etc. were brought to the notice of the Govrnment. It was, therefore, decided to review the findings of the special team. After such a review tentative liabilities upto 31-12-1983 have already been determined and communicated to the companies.

(b) The recommendations of the special team were processed in the Government.

(f) and (g) The question of calling for any explanation would arise only after the liabilities are finally determined.

Import by drug companies

400. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign exchange expenditure by Hoechst, German Remedies, Lyka, Glaxo and Sandoz for imports of bulk drugs and raw materials during the last two years, yearwise; and

(b) what are the names of bulk drugs and raw materials imported by each of these companies and the value of such imports during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) These details are not monitored company-wise by this Ministry.

Phased manufacturing programme for drugs

401. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have extended Phased Manufacturing Programme for the production of certain drugs;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs and the companies involved;

(c) what is the stage of manufacture and since when the production of these drugs is from intermediates;

(d) whether it is also a fact that imports of crores of rupees are being frittered away in the process; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to review the whole matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some companies have been permitted stages of manufacture of bulk drugs in relaxation of approved Phased Manufacturing Programme in the recent past. To the extent information is available details are annexed. (*See* below)

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Relaxation in Phased Manufacturing Programme has been given mainly on account of non-availability of the right technology and time required to establish it in the country.

Statement

Name of drug	Name of company	Prescribed stage	Year from which manufacture is being under taken from intermediate stage	Date upto which PMP extended
Rifampicin	Lupin Labs. Ltd.	Fermentation	1986*	March, 1992
Rifampicin	Themis Chemicals	Fermentation	1985*	August, 1990

*As per the Phased Manufacturing Programme for Rifampicin companies are allowed to produce initially from intermediate stage for a period of two years.

Fixation of bulk drug and formulation prices

402. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of bulk drugs and formulations for which the prices have yet to be fixed under DPCO. 1987;

(b) if so, what are the names of such drugs and formulations;

(c) by when the prices are likely to be fixed for each;

(d) what are the names of the bulk drugs and formulations for which prices were increased during August, September and October, 1990; and

(e) what was the earlier price of each and what was the revised price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the details in respect of bulk drugs is attached. Prices of formulations based on some of these bulk drugs have already been revised based on the landed cost of import. (*See* below).

(c) Prices of bulk drugs and formulations are fixed/revised from time to time.

(d) and (e). Information in respect of the bulk drugs have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha UNSTARRED Question No. 461 for answer on 31st December 1990.